

shalt not kill." The streets of Los Angeles would have been peaceful last Friday if two men had followed the command "thou shalt not steal."

Ronald Reagan said it best when he stated that billions of laws have been enacted throughout history and none of them have improved on the Ten Commandments one bit.

Although this measure is a sense of Congress and it is not legally binding, I strongly believe that this resolution is an important symbolic gesture.

I urge my colleagues to support House Concurrent Resolution 31.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 31).

The question was taken.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 31, the resolution supporting public display of the Ten Commandments.

Mr. Chairman, some complain that displaying the Ten Commandments constitutes the establishment of religion.

But, Mr. Chairman, the Ten Commandments actually constitute the establishment of law.

The Ten Commandments are one of the earliest examples of written law that society must have to survive.

Acknowledging that the rights of people and the responsibility to establish laws protecting those rights come not from government but from the Creator only acknowledges the truth.

Acknowledging that our system of law is deeply rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition only acknowledges the truth.

The truth, Mr. Chairman, is that the Ten Commandments establish the very principles of a fair and just society.

Alabama Governor Fob James should be commended for taking whatever steps are necessary to resist the judicial tyranny which would force the removal of the Ten Commandments from Judge Roy Moore's courtroom.

Mr. Chairman, I urge the House to pass this resolution. If we as a nation are to continue to prosper, it will be as a result of the providence and blessing of God and the ideals set out in each of the Commandments.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the concurrent resolution consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Under the Speaker's an-

nounced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SKAGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SKAGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. GRANGER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. GRANGER addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. MANZULLO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. MANZULLO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. ROHRABACHER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. ROHRABACHER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative programs and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. SCOTT) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SKAGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ADERHOLT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. GRANGER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes, today and on March 5 and 6.

Mr. ROHRABACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCOTT) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Mr. MATSUI.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. VISCOSKY.

Mr. MILLER.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. MARKEY.

Mr. DEFAZIO.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. WEYGAND.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ADERHOLT) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. PAXON.

Ms. MOLINARI.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. GILMAN, in two instances.

Mr. GOODLATTE.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. MCKEON.

Mr. CRAPO.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 499. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 7411 Barlite Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Frank M. Tejeda Post Office Building".

H.R. 668. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes, and for other purposes.

BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

On February 27, 1997:

H.R. 499. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 7411 Barlite Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Frank M. Tejeda Post Office Building".

H.J. Res. 36. Joint resolution approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations Act, 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2028. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Thiazopyr: Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300455; FRL-5591-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received February 27, 1997,